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	Colonel Anderson's figures	Major Clarke's figures		5 unspecified Hoblies			Colonel Anderson's figures	Dr. Porteous's figures					Colonel Anderson's figures	Mr. Pearse's figures				
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1869-70	1081	K. C. 504-12-16	395-12-	-	-		-	-	-				-	-	-			
1870-71	1042	504-12-16	412-13-6	-	-		-	-	-				-	-	-			
1871-72	266	512-9	381-10-	K. C. 389-7-8	385-6-7	4.0	-	-	-				-	-	-			
1872-73	870	acres 4725-	37-10-	389-7-8	499-2-5		-	-	-				-	-	-			
1873-74	786	4413-	685-14-9	109-10-	2237-10-4		960	71,954-27	3308-7-	4.0			7.684	13894-8	6006-3-			
1874-75	-	4278-	664-14-6	109-10-	2523-4-7		-	66,410-37	3231-7-				-	13528-8	6458-3-			

3. The Survey and Settlement Commissioner is requested to report whether anything can be done by this department to remove the causes of failure as pointed out by Majr Clarke in para 6 of his letter dated 23d February 1875. No: 1138 –

Secretary

To The Commr of Chandydroogh
To The Survey & Settlement Commissioner

Revenue

To the Comm^r

Nundydroog D.

Dy 18th March 1875

No 9243

Rec^d 19/3/75

½ past 11 o'clock

Letter from Nundydroog Comm^r upon Assign the subject of the sales of grazing lands in the Bangalore & Tumkur Dists — Passing orders on the above.

Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, 18th March 1875.

From the Officiating Commissioner of the Nundydroog Division, To the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, Rev. No. 243, dated Bangalore, 2nd March 1875.

With reference to your letter No. 5032—R. 112 of 10th October last, I have the honor to submit, for the Chief Commissioner's perusal, statements relative to sales of grazing in the Bangalore District and in the Sira and Túmkúr Taluks of the Túmkúr District, with copies of letters from the Deputy Commissioners of the Bangalore District and Túmkur District, and enclosure.

From the Deputy Commissioner of the Bangalore District, To the Commissioner of the Nundydroog Division, No. 1138, dated 23rd February 1875.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your partly Circular No. 411 of 21st October last, forwarding copy of the Secretary's letter No. 5032—112 of 10th idem, and calling for explanation on certain points connected with the sales of grazing lands in the Bangalore Taluk adverted to in the Survey Commissioner's letter of 21st July 1874.

2. I beg to enclose a statement shewing the results of the sales of grazing lands in the Bangalore Taluk distinguishing the settled from the unsettled hoblis, for the past six years. It will be observed that the figures relating to the years 1871—72 and also to 1873—74, to which latter especial attention is directed in para 1 of the Secretary's letter, differ, and the explanation of this discrepancy would seem to be that Colonel Anderson has included the proceeds of "Amani" in the realizations for grazing lands of the settled hoblis. "Amrai

3. Taking the figures of 1873—74 the actual realizations for the three settled hoblis amounted to Rs. 686 on an area of 4,413 acres. The area for arable and unarable waste is given in Colonel Anderson's letter as 11,401 acres, by including, it would seem, the area from which the "Amrayi" or proceeds of fruit trees were obtained. This error has led to the assumption that the average rate of realizations from grazing amounts to "barely one anna per acre," whereas the computation from the figures given above shews the average to be annas 2 pies 6 per acre.

4. Colonel Anderson remarks that grazing lands near to Bangalore should fetch from 12 annas to 1 rupee per acre. With all deference to the large experience that the Survey Commissioner must profess on such matters, I cannot but think that this is a very high estimate. Taking the three settled hoblis only the area of available grazing lands (other than village Gomali, &c., and the pasturage attached to inam villages) has been reduced by 448 acres, in the three last years. There can be but little land of any value remaining for which the high rate of 12 annas and 1 rupee would be offered for grazing alone, and while the Survey rates of assessment fall so low as 7 annas per acre, there is less probability of a higher rate than 3½ or 4 annas being obtained. The effect of rivalry might give a higher result occasionally, but as the existing rules admit of no outside competition as regards village grazing (within certain limitations) these occasions are not likely to be frequent.

5. While the results therefore do not appear to be so bad as Colonel Anderson has taken them to be, they are undoubtedly unsatisfactory, and as far at least as regards the unsettled taluks and the unsettled portion of the Bangalore Taluk the enquiries I have made during my jamabandi settlement of the taluks marginally noted have shewn that the orders requiring grazing lands to be sold number by number, had not been acted up to; the Amildars do not affect ignorance of those orders, but they uniformly regard them as incapable of execution, until the field numbers have been defined by the Survey Settlement.

Bangalore.
Devanhalli.
Anekal
Nelamangala.

6. Two principal reasons are in every case alleged. One, that, owing to the practice of breaking up the old field numbers of villages, the traces of those numbers have been to a great extent lost; the other, that the holdings have by successive partitions become in many cases so reduced in extent measuring sometimes as little as half a "Padi" (the 16th part of a Kolaga or Kudu) that a sale of the grazing or waste lands individually would occasion a loss rather than a gain to Government, for none will bid for these very small numbers, while the right of taking up all the waste lands of a village for the purpose would be eagerly sought for.

7. It is quite evident to my own mind that while things are as at present in the unsettled taluks the difficulties that occur in selling the grazing rights are considerable, but not so great that they might not have been overcome, if the Amildars had fully appreciated the necessity for exerting more than ordinary energy and decision such as was required to beat down the opposition of the Shanbhogs and others who are interested in keeping these waste lands under their own control. I believe that in most villages these grazing rights have become vested interests in the hands generally of the Shanbhogs. In unsurveyed villages, the Shanbhog is able to keep things pretty much in his own hands, and the Amildars being generally pressed with other work seldom care to expose the real condition of things, and to excite an opposition which often proves inconvenient. These circumstances are well known, and I refer to them only in illustration of the difficulties which, as I have stated, an Amildar must encounter and the extra-ordinary efforts he must make to put in practice the orders referred to. From the various causes I have mentioned such efforts would in all probability yield doubtful results, for unless the measures recommended by Colonel Anderson in para 2 of his letter were put in force the local opposition would be effectual in preventing all bidding.

8. It will be necessary however that the Taluk Amildars should clearly understand that whatever may be the difficulties in the way of carrying the order into effect, they cannot be permitted to disregard them, as they seem from my present enquiries to have done generally. At the close of the jamabandi the attention of each Amildar will be called to the irregularities noticed in his taluk, and instructions will be issued such as will ensure due effect being given to the orders in question.

9. With regard to the Chief Commissioner's suggestion which was personally communicated to me (probably in July or August last) and referred to in the Secretary's letter, I regret much that I had no opportunity of conferring with Captain Grant, as apart from Sir Richard Meade's expressed wishes I desired to do, prior to his leaving Bangalore. Pressing duties and engagements prevented me from doing so from time to time until I learnt that Captain Grant had left, and on the only occasion on which I did set apart an afternoon for an interview, I found him occupied on business and was deterred from taking up his time.

10. I have only to add that had I been aware of the suggestions contained in Colonel Anderson's letter under reference prior to the Hulbanni sales, I should have been glad to act upon them, and that letter was not communicated to me till the latter part of October when the sales had been generally completed.

Statement shewing the Revenue derived from the sale of Hulbanni in the Bangalore Taluk from the year 1869—70 to 1874—75.

Year.	Settled Hoblis.														Unsettled Hoblis.																		Grand Total.					
	Alsur.			Yesavanchpur.			Agara.			Total.			Yelahanka.			Krishnaraj-pur.			Vartur.			Begur.			Kengeri.			Total.									
	Area in Acres.	Amount.		Acres.	Amount.		Acres.	Amount.		Acres.	Amount.		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.				
1869—70 ...	0	0	64	1	11	0	0	246	10	7	0	0	84	15	6	504 Kandis.	12½ Kudus.	395	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	395	12	0			
1870—71 ...	0	0	64	14	9	0	0	253	10	10	0	0	94	3	11	504	12 1/16	412	13	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	412	13	6			
1871—72 ...	0	0	67	6	7	0	0	266	9	10	0	0	47	9	7	512	9	381	10	0	247	9	6	137	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	* 385	6	7	767	0	7	* Kandis. 389	Kudus. 7	Padis. 8
	Acres.	Guntas.			Acres.	Guntas.		Acres.	Guntas.			Acres.	Guntas.																										
1872—73 ...	174	34	48	10	0	3,397	6	230	1	0	1,153	15	92	15	0	4,725	15	371	10	0	368	7	5	130	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	†	499	2	5	870	12	5	† 389	7	8
1873—74 ...	142	22	95	13	0	3,261	30	461	2	0	1,008	25	128	15	9	4,413	0	685	14	9	424	6	5	138	2	0	550	9	6	319	11	2	804	13	3	† 2,237	10	4	2,923	9	1	† 1,079	10	0
1874—75 ...	153	20	128	7	0	3,220	33	370	2	6	903	34	166	5	0	4,278	7	664	14	6	577	0	2	141	6	0	582	15	6	317	9	2	904	15	9	† 2,523	14	7	3,188	13	1	§ 1,079	10	0
Total.....	...	...	469	5	3	...	...	1,828	4	9	...	...	615	0	9	...	...	2,912	10	9	1,617	7	6	548	0	1	1,133	9	0	637	4	4	1,709	13	0	5,646	1	11	8,558	12	8			

Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, 18th March 1875.

From the Deputy Commissioner of the Túmkúr District, To the Commissioner of the Nundydroog Division, No. 726, dated Camp Dodéri, 17th December 1874.

As directed in your letter No. 411 of 21st October 1874, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter received from Mr. Porteous, Sub-Divisional Officer in charge of the two surveyed taluks (Túmkúr and Sira) of this District and a comparative statement drawn up by him of the result of the renting of the grazing in these taluks. The figures have been checked in my Office and are correct, while the account from which Colonel Anderson's figures are taken is not known.

2. It will be observed that the result is extremely unsatisfactory, and I would propose that next year the Assistant or Officer in charge of the taluk should, after due notice, hold the sales at three or four convenient localities in the taluk and himself sell all the numbers, if an upset price per acre for the present of annas 4 on assessed and annas 2 on unassessed waste were binding, I think with these conditions sanctioned, Government would be more likely to receive its dues.

From the Assistant Commissioner of the Chiknayakanhalli Sub-Division, To the Deputy Commissioner of the Túmkúr District, No. 128, dated Camp Kibbanhalli, 9th December 1874.

As requested in your docket, Miscellaneous No. 309 of the 28th October, giving cover to the Commissioner's partly Circular No. 411* of the 21st idem, calling for a comparative statement shewing the extent of land sold for grazing " in the surveyed taluks" and its assessment, I have the honor to submit a report as follows.

* Herewith returned.

2. As I understand the Commissioner's and your orders, all that is wanted is a statement of the amount of land (in surveyed taluks) sold for grazing this year 1874—75 with the revenue obtained. I have however ascertained the revenue from grazing lands assessed and unassessed for the last two seasons (1873—74 and 1874—75), and the annexed statement shews in detail the extent in acres of these lands and the sums realized from them.

3. There are two surveyed taluks in my Sub-Division, Túmkúr and Sira. In the former the grazing of 71,954 acres realized last season Rs. 3,308—7—0 or a little less than 9 pies per acre, and this year the grazing of 66,410 acres has realized Rs. 3,231—7—0 or a little more than 9 pies per acre.

4. In Sira the grazing of 138,894 acres realized last season Rs. 6,006—3—0 or 8½ pies per acre, and this season the grazing of 135,268 acres has realized Rs. 6,458—3—0 or about 9¼ pies per acre.

5. It will be observed that, although there is in both taluks a marked decrease this year in the quantity of assessed land sold, the price obtained per acre has in some degree improved. The year has been a remarkably favorable one, and while much new land in Túmkúr at any rate has been taken up for cultivation, the grass crop on what still remains waste has been above the average both in quantity and quality.

6. I have insisted on the Amildars selling the grazings, number by number, and this has nominally been done. I am far from satisfied however that these sales produce as much as they ought to. I have not the benefit of long experience of the District to guide me, but I am much inclined to believe that the right to the grazing of a village is practically a monopoly. The grazings are bought up by a few of the influential inhabitants of a village and sublet by them to the body of the villagers at the rate of one anna and under per head of cattle pastured on them.

7. I notice that in the Survey Commissioner's letter No. 1157, dated the 21st of July last, to the address of the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, the grazings of Túmkúr are said to have realized last year Rs. 9,000, and those of Sira Rs. 7,684. These figures differ vastly from those I now forward ; in the case of Túmkúr, I shew a revenue of little more than one-third of that shewn by Colonel Anderson. My figures have been furnished to me by the Amildars concerned, and by my orders they have given the details of assessed and unassessed lands separately. I shall be glad to lean on what the other figures are based and to institute any enquiries that may be necessary.

Statement shewing the Amount realized from the sale of Pasture Lands in the Taluks of Túmkúr and Sira for 1873—74 and 1874—75.

Taluk.	Srimukha, 1873—74.												Bhava, 1874—75.												Difference.				Remarks.
	Assessed waste land sold for grazing.				Average per acre.	Un-assessed waste land sold for grazing.		Average per acre.	Total.		Average per acre.		Assessed waste land sold for grazing.		Average per acre.	Un-assessed waste land sold for grazing.		Average per acre.	Total.		Average per acre.			More.		Less.		
	Acres.	Amount.				Acres.	Amount.		Acres.	Amount.			Acres.	Amount.		Acres.	Amount.		Acres.	Amount.				Acres.	Amount.	Acres.	Amount.	
		Rs.	A.	P.			Rs.			Rs.				Rs.			Rs.			Rs.					Rs.		Rs.	
Túmkúr ...	38,308-29	2,588	11	0	0 1 1	33,645-38	719	12 0 0 0 4	71,954-27	3,308	7 0 0 0 9		32,764-39	2,330	4 0 0 1	33,645-38	901	3 0 0 0 5	66,410-37	3,231	7 0 0 0 9⅓		...	...	...	5,543-30	77	0 0	
Sira ...	92,282-37	5,534	5	0	0 0 11½	46,611-11	471	14 0 0 0 2	138,894-8	6,006	3 0 0 0 8½		88,700-20	5,907	4 0 0 1	46,567-38	550	15 0 0 0 2½	135,268-18	6,458	3 0 0 0 9½		...	452	0 0	3,624-30	0	0 0	

No. 9243—Rev. 207, dated Bangalore, 18th March 1875.

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	Bangalore Taluk.								Túmkúr Taluk.				Sira Taluk.			
	Colonel Anderson's figures.	Major Clarke's figures.							Colonel Anderson's figures.	Mr. Porteous' figures.			Colonel Anderson's figures.	Mr. Porteous' figures.		
		Three settled Hoblis.			Five unsettled Hoblis.											
	Rs.	Area. K.	Area. C.	Rs. As. P.	Area. K.	Area. C. P.	Rs. As. P.		Rs.	Area.	Rs. As. P.		Rs.	Area. A. G.	Rs. As. P.	
1869—70...	1,031	504	12 1/16	395 12 0	...	...	...		...	...	...		...	...	...	
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1873—74...	786	4,413	0	685 14 9	1,079	10 0	2,237 10 4		...	65,410 37	3,231 7 0		...	135,268 18	6,458 3 0	
1874—75 .	...	4,278	7	664 14 6	1,079	[illegible]	2,523 14 7		...	...	...		...	...	...	

Secretary.

To—The Commissioner of the Nundydroog Division.
,, ,, Survey and Settlement Commissioner.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

REVENUE.

To

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE
NUNDYDROOG DIVISION.

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